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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL JOURNALISTS PROJECT,  
AUGUST 17 TO NOVEMBER 15, 1975

REF: A-1218 AND STATE 144870

1. NAME: EL SHEIKH BABIKER DARWISH

2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS:

PRESENT: EDITORIAL STAFF, AL-SAHAFI NEWSPAPER

PAST: ESTABLISHMENT OFFICER, MINISTRY OF  
PUBLIC SERVICE & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM

3. PERSONAL DATA: BORN JANUARY 1, 1948, KASSALA

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: SUDANESE

4. TRAVELS ABROAD: 15 DAYS VISIT TO EGYPT IN MAY, 1969

5. PREVIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT: NONE

6. ESCORT SERVICE: NOT REQUIRED

7. TENTATIVE VISA DETERMINATION: ELIGIBLE J-1 VISA

8. REASON FOR NOMINATION: SUDANESE PRESS HAVE LATELY  
ATTRACTED UNIVERSITY GRADUATES TO JOIN THE EDITORIAL  
STAFF. NOMINEE, A BA HONORS FROM THE U. OF K. AMONG THE  
NEW LOT WHO HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO CREATE THE NEW LEADERSHIP

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IN THIS FIELD. THE CANDIDATE WILL GAIN MORE UNDER-

STANDING OF AMERICAN JOURNALISTIC METHODS IN REPORTING AND EDITING, WILL ENABLE HIM OBSERVE AT CLOSE RANGE THE OPERATION OF A FREE PRESS AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY AND TO ACQUAINT HIM WITH AMERICAN LIFE AND CULTURE.

9. POST OBJECTIVES OF U.S. VISIT: NOMINEE IS AMONG THE POST'S TARGET AUDIENCE. HE WOULD BE A POSSIBLE CHANNEL FOR ACCURATE INFORMATION AND FAVORABLE OPINIONS ABOUT THE U.S.

10. POST ESTIMATE OF NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES FOR U.S. PROGRAM: BETWEEN AUGUST 17 AND NOVEMBER 15.

ALTERNATE NOMINEE:

1. FATH EL RAHMAN MAHGOUB

2. EDITORIAL STAFF, EL SAHAFI NEWSPAPER AND FORMER OFFICER AT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION

3. BORN, DECEMBER 3, 1942 - ATBARA

4. 4. TRAVELS ABROAD: 1965 - FOUR MONTHS IN HOLLAND TRAINING IN RADIO NETHERLANDS.

FOUR MONTHS TRAINING IN RADIO CAIRO IN 1968.

TWO WEEKS IN FEBRUARY AND TWO WEEKS IN JULY, 1972 IN CAIRO AS CORRESPONDENT FOR MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE DELEGATION.

5. NO U.S. PREVIOUS TRAVEL

6. NO ESCORT REQUIRED.

7. VISA ELIGIBILITY - J-1 MY A

8. A UNIVERSITY GRADUATE WITH AN L.L.B. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM CAN GAIN EQUALLY FROM THE PROGRAM AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRINCIPAL NOMINEE.

9. CANDIDATE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SAME DATES AS PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE.  
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